

House Resolution 84

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Heard of the 114th, and McKillip of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the 80th birthday of Mr. Mike Kooyman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Mike Kooyman was born in Gates Mills, Ohio, on August 22, 1928, the
3 beloved son of Adrianus and Jantje Kooyman; and
- 4 WHEREAS, after he graduated from Kirtland High School in Ohio, where he was named
5 "most likely to succeed," he attended Ohio State University and graduated in 1952 with a
6 pre-law and business degree; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the high school appellation was fitting, as evidenced by his illustrious career
8 which began as a Production Manager for TRW; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1965 he joined Reliance Electric as Plant Manager in Cleveland, Ohio, later
10 being promoted to Reliance's Athens, Georgia, facility as Operations Manager; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the entire Kooyman family loved their new home in Athens, also developing
12 their long-lasting dedication to and support for the University of Georgia and the fighting
13 Bulldogs; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has been lovingly united in marriage to Ruth Turrin for 53 years and the two
15 have been blessed with a son, Mark, and a daughter, Holly Beth; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this great University of Georgia Bulldog fan and supporter has been enjoying
17 his retirement years in Athens, Georgia, where he gardens, refinishes furniture, raises bantam
18 chickens, and collects old cars; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and determination; and by the example he has made of his

21 life, he makes this world a better place in which to live; and it is only fitting and proper that
22 he be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 Mr. Mike Kooyman is hereby congratulated on the wonderful occasion of his 80th birthday
25 and commended for his many decades of caring devotion to his family and fellow citizens.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Mike Kooyman.